

## **Lori Thompson Sentman**

### **EDUCATION:**

B.S., Atmospheric Science  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ  
May 1997

M.S., Environmental Science, Atmospheric Science option  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ  
January 2002

### **EXPERIENCE:**

**09/08 to Present**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, Physical Scientist**

Climate and Ecosystems team member responsible for the development of improved earth system models and research on the interactions and feedbacks of the biosphere with climate on varying time and spatial scales. Research initiatives include sensitivity of CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization, impact of climate on the terrestrial carbon cycle and the effect of land use on the terrestrial carbon stores and stocks from decadal to centennial time scales. Effective communication of research via oral presentations and written manuscripts.

**03/08 to 09/08**

**High Performance Technologies, Inc., Associate II-Software Engineer:**

**NOAA/Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, Princeton, NJ.**

Contracted at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL) as part of the Biospheric Processes group. Tasks include model execution and management of the earth system model components and the mixed layer ocean model, development of improved earth system models and research on the interactions and feedbacks of the biosphere with climate on varying time scales. Research initiatives include sensitivity of CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization, impact of climate on the terrestrial carbon cycle and the effect of land use on the terrestrial carbon stores and stocks from decadal to centennial time scales. Effective communication of research via oral presentations and written manuscripts.

**01/02 to 03/08**

**RS Information Systems, Inc./Wyle Laboratories, Software Engineer:**

**NOAA/Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, Princeton, NJ.**

Contracted at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (GFDL) as part of the Biospheric Processes group. Tasks include model execution and management of the earth system model components and the mixed layer ocean model, development of improved earth system models

and research on the interactions and feedbacks of the biosphere with climate on varying time scales. Designed and created an automated vegetation analysis post processing suite for model and observation comparison. Investigation into the terrestrial biosphere and climate responses to increased radiative and photosynthetic carbon dioxide levels. As a member of the Modeling Services group for over four years, provided public and internal release support for the Flexible Modeling System (FMS). Designed and created an automated database of FMS model development integrations used by the model development teams to catalogue and track the model development effort. Provided detailed source code module web-based documentation for the land model, LaD, and the nonhydrostatic atmospheric model ZETAC. Liaison to the Land Model Development Team (LMDT) and the Single Column Model (SCM), providing technical and programming support for two land models and the single column atmospheric model; performance profiling, ensuring bitwise reproducibility across restarts and processor counts, diagnostic support, code management and model development. Wrote user guides for the public and internal releases of the model infrastructure and the component models. I/O and data conversion from GRIB, binary, ASCII and HDF4 to netCDF, following the CF metadata conventions and using the netCDF decoders package. Conducted four hands-on tutorials and one refresher demonstration of PowerPoint 2000, as well as numerous other presentations and a Flexible Runtime Environment workshop.

**02/05 to 08/05**

**Princeton University, Scientific Programming Consultant**

Installed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)/Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) Land Information System (LIS) on various platforms for the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, including Linux workstations, a Linux cluster and a Beowulf cluster at Princeton University. Used GrADS scripts for the development of a web-based diagnostic interface for testing and validation.

**02/00 to 01/02**

**Rutgers University, Department of Environmental Science, Graduate Assistant**

Studied land surface parameterizations using a regional nonhydrostatic atmospheric model, the Regional Atmospheric Modeling System (RAMS). Studied and analyzed the effects of land surface heterogeneity on precipitation rates during the Amazonian wet season. Used a one dimensional radiative convective model to study the effects of land surface on Amazonia's radiative and hydrological balances. Additional modeling research projects include the sensitivity of RAMS eddy diffusivity parameterizations, parameterizing the uptake of soil water through plant roots, the environmental cycle of

polychlorinated biphenyls, and a critical review of atmospheric dispersion modeling. FORTRAN 90 programming and Perl scripting in a Unix environment.

**05/96 to 09/97**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)  
National Weather Forecast Office/Mount Holly, Student Career  
Experience Program (SCEP) intern**

Wrote and transmitted daily and extended local forecasts, nowcasts, fire weather forecasts and Transcribed Weather Enroute Broadcasts (TWEBs) aviation forecasts and Terminal Aerodrome Forecasts (TAFs). Experience in aviation routine weather reports (METAR) via the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS). Broadcast watches, warnings and hourly observations on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio. Experience on the radar and hydrology shifts. Conducted research into the propagation of sea breezes across New Jersey using the Next Generation Weather Radar system (NEXRAD). Created an internal web-based station duty manual using Hypertext Markup Language (HTML).

**PROFESSIONAL  
QUALIFICATIONS:**

OPERATING SYSTEMS: Linux, IRIX, Windows, SGI Altix Itanium 2 Intel cluster, SGI Origin cluster, Beowulf cluster, Unix, Solaris, SunOS, MSDOS, Gnome, KDE.

DATABASES: MySQL, MS Access.

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES: FORTRAN 77/90/95, C/C++, Perl, CGI, HTML, DHTML, XML, JavaScript.

VISUALIZATION TOOLS: MatLab, FERRET, GrADS, ncview, NCAR Graphics, VIS5D.

DEBUGGING SOFTWARE: Totalview (all versions).

DATASET CONVENTIONS: netCDF, netCDF decoders, CF convention, HDF.

OTHER SOFTWARE PACKAGES: StarOffice, Microsoft office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Access, Project), Lotus Notes, Adobe products (Reader, Writer), XEMACS/EMACS, VI editor, NEDIT, Sendmail, Internet Explorer, Netscape, Mozilla, Konqueror, Apache web server.

**AWARDS:**

RSIS Employee of the Month, Science and Engineering Division.  
10/02.

RSIS Delighting the Customer Award (FMS team). January/June  
2002.

**COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH:**

Rapporteur, Climate Working Group (CWG) CRM Program Review.  
March 25, 2008.  
"Science and Engineering Expo", Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.  
March 19, 2008.  
"2008 Young Women's Conference", Plasma Physics Laboratory,  
Princeton, NJ.  
March 14, 2008.  
"Weather, Oceans and Climate", Plainsboro Library, Plainsboro, NJ.  
October 18, October 25, November 8, November 15, November 29  
and December 6, 2007.  
Article reviews for Journal of Geophysical Research Atmospheres.  
2000-2002.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Shevliakova, E., S. W. Pacala, S. Malyshev, G. C. Hurtt, P.C.D. Milly,  
J. P. Caspersen, L. T. Sentman, J. P. Fisk, C. Wirth, and C. Crevoisier  
(2009), Carbon Cycling under 300 Years of Land-use Change: the  
Importance of the Secondary Vegetation Sink, *Global Biogeochem.  
Cycles*, doi:10.1029/2007GB003176, in press.

GFDL Global Atmospheric Model Development Team, 2004: The new  
GFDL global atmosphere and land model AM2/LM2: Evaluation with  
prescribed SST simulations. *J. Climate*, 17(24), 4641-4673.

**PROFESSIONAL  
ORGANIZATIONS:**

American Meteorological Society.  
American Geophysical Union.  
Earth Science Women's Network.

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